

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 7 and 13 are allowable subject matter because the Examiner agrees with applicant's arguments that the prior art of records fail to disclose distinct features of updating at least one of the first viewing threshold and the second viewing threshold automatically based on the received indication of the level of user satisfaction with the displayed first set of preferred broadcast programs.

Claims 2, 4-5, 19-20 and 26-28 dependent on Claim 1, Claims 8-11 dependent on Claim 7 and Claims 15-17 and 22-23 dependent on Claim 13 are also allowable.

***Conclusion***

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FRED PENG whose telephone number is (571)270-1147. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 09:00-18:30.

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